

## TO-DAY'S NEWS BRIEF.

**BUSINESS.**  
Local discount rates were quoted at 5 to 7 per cent on call and time loans. The clearinghouse was \$2,255,846, and the balances \$1,250,000. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 100, premium 140, 50c; London, 100, premium 140, 50c; Paris, 100, premium 140, 50c; Berlin, 100, premium 140, 50c; Amsterdam, 100, premium 140, 50c; Antwerp, 100, premium 140, 50c; Bruges, 100, premium 140, 50c; Calcutta, 100, premium 140, 50c; Ceylon, 100, premium 140, 50c; Hong Kong, 100, premium 140, 50c; India, 100, premium 140, 50c; Japan, 100, premium 140, 50c; Manila, 100, premium 140, 50c; Mexico, 100, premium 140, 50c; Panama, 100, premium 140, 50c; Peking, 100, premium 140, 50c; Rangoon, 100, premium 140, 50c; Shanghai, 100, premium 140, 50c; Singapore, 100, premium 140, 50c; Siam, 100, premium 140, 50c; Soerabaya, 100, premium 140, 50c; Swatow, 100, premium 140, 50c; Tientsin, 100, premium 140, 50c; Yokohama, 100, premium 140, 50c.

**LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.**  
Women of the South Side have a church club, to which only those who are unusually stout are eligible. The average weight of the members being 150 pounds. The club is organized by Mrs. J. W. Wood and will meet on the 25th of May at 8 o'clock. The club is organized by Mrs. J. W. Wood and will meet on the 25th of May at 8 o'clock.

**At the public hearing conducted yesterday by the Board of Public Improvements it developed that public sentiment favors the Union Station park plan.**

**A Manufacturers' Association committee decides to operate a steamboat line between St. Louis and New Orleans.**

**At the Convention of Labor Commissioners the title of the organization was changed, officers were nominated and the next place of meeting selected.**

**Several important deals in high-class real estate property, just consummated, indicate growing confidence in the future of West End real estate.**

**August Kersick and Herman H. Kersick, who had been separated for thirty-six years, were reunited in St. Louis.**

**A party of St. Louisans, who will attend the Confederate Reunion at Memphis, Tenn., will make the trip on Russell Gardner's new steam launch, the Annie Russell.**

**Names of the winners at the Baby Show will be announced tonight.**

**Advocates of the various sites proposed for the World's Fair are busy collecting and arranging data for the use of World's Fair officials.**

**A ship containing Charles C. Wright, Joseph Brown and an unknown man capsized at the foot of Locust street, and Brown and the unknown were drowned.**

**East St. Louis High School girls organize an athletic association, and will play basketball.**

**Four hundred lives were endangered by fire in the Ashley building, and three children were carried out in an unconscious condition.**

**GENERAL DOMESTIC.**  
Lieutenant John J. Knapp of the navy, has been ordered to Manila on important special service.

**The report of the Taft Commission has been received by the War Department at Washington.**

**Mrs. Bonine, the Missouri woman who confessed to the murder of James Seymour Ayres, in Washington, will make application for release on bail to-day.**

**Governor Davis of Arkansas has vetoed seven of the measures passed by the recent Legislature.**

**William Woodhull, at Laurel, L. I., shot a woman who had, he thought, gossiped about his love affairs, and then killed himself.**

**The funeral of former Governor Tanner of Illinois, will be held on Sunday, State officials having charge.**

**Duncan B. Harrison, former manager for John L. Sullivan, has been granted a pension on account of services at Santiago.**

**The War Department plans to send 50 or 60 school teachers to Manila, on army transports.**

**The mother of Doctor Joseph L. Barnes' widow has been arrested by the Jacksonville, Ill., Sheriff in connection with the case.**

**William Cruse has been arrested at Carbondale, Ill., in connection with the loss of salvage from the City of Paducah.**

**Owners of big office buildings in Chicago have formed a rent-raising syndicate.**

**FOREIGN.**  
Sir Alfred Mier arrived in London from South Africa yesterday.

**German officials announce that Count Von Waldersee will leave Berlin on May 31.**

**Semiofficial German newspapers are calling for an alliance of European nations against American trade aggression.**

**Dupuy de Lome, former Spanish Minister at Washington, now Ambassador to Rome, will probably be recalled by the Spanish administration.**

**In secret session the Cuban constitutional convention rejected the minority report against the acceptance of the Platt amendment. This seems to indicate the acceptance of the majority report recommending the amendment.**

**SPORTING.**  
RACE WILL BE RUN ON A MUDDY TRACK.

**New York, May 24.—A heavy rain-fall to-night may have a serious effect on the running of the classic race, and, while possibly it assists Banaster, Raffaele, Sidney Lucas, King Bramble and Herbert, it will hurt the chances of Conroy, Blues and Standing.**

**Yellow Tail won an impressive race at Oakland.**

**Banaster is favorite in the great Brooklyn handicap, which will be run at Astor.**

**Foxhall Keene's Snopel won the Salisbury cup at the Salisbury meeting yesterday.**

**RAILROADS.**  
George J. Gould's plans for obtaining an entrance into New York for the Wabash are more fully explained.

**Union Pacific has been awarded a contract for the construction of a new line from Chicago to St. Paul.**

**Union Pacific company sold \$50,000,000 of bonds to a New York syndicate.**

**General passenger agents are holding a conference at Chicago over Kansas City railroad rates.**

**Illinois Central is about to put in operation a new freight package service for St. Louis shippers.**

**Western Passenger Association has granted reduced rates for several meetings.**

**Marine Intelligence.**  
New York, May 24.—Arrived: Columbia, from Hamburg.

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**Glasgow, May 24.—Arrived: Peruvian, from Boston.**

**Chicago, May 24.—Arrived: La Lorraine, from New York.**

**Hamburg, May 24.—Arrived: Batavia, from New York.**

**London, May 24.—Arrived: Steamer South, from New York.**

## PRESIDENT AND WIFE START HOME TO-DAY.

**Mrs. McKinley's Health So Far Improved Physicians Are Willing for Her to Travel.**

## LAST DAY AT SAN FRANCISCO.

**Original Programme for City's Distinguished Guest Completed, He Having Met Every Organization in Schedule.**

San Francisco, May 24.—President McKinley has completed his programme in this city, having met every organization included in the original schedule, and Mrs. McKinley's health has so far improved that the President and his party will begin the return journey to the national capital at 10 a. m. to-morrow.

The President's public functions to-day included a reception at the Scott residence to the members of the foreign consular representatives of this city, a reception at the Palace Hotel by the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution and the Loyal Legion in honor of the President, and a review of the school children of Oakland by the President.

The President spent the evening quietly at the Scott residence resting and superintending arrangements for to-morrow's departure.

In his response to the greetings of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution and members of the Loyal Legion, the President said:

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## HEAVY WEIGHT WOMEN HAVE A EUCHRE CLUB.

**Though the President Tips the Beam at Only 125 Pounds, the Average Weight of the Members Is 210 Pounds—Organization Has Met Regularly for the Last Two Years.**



**MRS. CARL FAIRRES, MRS. C. O. BERRY.**  
The president and former president of the Stout Ladies' Euchre Club.

## STOUT LADIES' EUCHRE CLUB.

**Average weight of sixteen members, 210 pounds.**

**Mrs. Carl Fairres, president, 125 pounds.**

**Mrs. C. O. Berry, organizer, 216 pounds.**

**Other heavy weights:**  
Mrs. George Belcher, 255 pounds.  
Mrs. J. H. Sheldon, 210 pounds.  
Mrs. Hogan, 210 pounds.  
Mrs. Fergusson, 210 pounds.  
Mrs. Cook, 210 pounds.  
Mrs. Hoover, 210 pounds.  
Misses Ida Hoffetle, Donwald, Murray and P. Wall.

The average weight of the members of the Stout Ladies' Euchre Club is 210 pounds, notwithstanding the fact that the president of the club, Mrs. Carl Fairres, of No. 413 Dorcas street, weighs but very little more than one-half as much as any other member.

The Stout Ladies' Euchre Club was organized by Mrs. C. O. Berry of No. 309 Adams street, and has met every Wednesday for the last two years. Embodiment of superlative degree in a necessary qualification for membership in the club, and the president is the only exception to this rule. She has been elected president as a distinction.

The club was not started with stoutness as an essential to membership, but the first sixteen members enrolled, with the exception of Mrs. Fairres, all happened to be heavy women. They were all enthusiastic euchre players, and the idea occurred to Mrs. Berry to organize a club of heavy women. The club is now a well-known and successful organization.

Every Wednesday the organization meets at the home of one of the members. Mrs. Berry entertained the club last Wednesday at her home on Adams street. Mrs. George Belcher and Mrs. Fergusson carrying off the prizes. Mrs. Hunn received the consolation prize.

Members present were: Mrs. Carl Fairres, Mrs. George Belcher of Eighteenth and Duane streets; Mrs. Joseph Hunn of No. 309 Adams street; Mrs. J. H. Sheldon of No. 314 Lawton street; Mrs. Hogan, Lipke, Stoner, Fergusson, Cook, Overbeck and Hoover.

Mrs. C. O. Berry, the former president, weighs 217 pounds. Mrs. George Belcher weighs in the neighborhood of 255 pounds, and Miss Ida Hoffetle is well up in the scale. Next Wednesday the club meets at the home of Mrs. Jane Sheldon, No. 314 Lawton avenue.

## SENTIMENT OF THE CUBAN CONVENTION APPARENTLY FAVORS PLATT AMENDMENT.

**SPECIAL BY CABLE.**  
Havana, Cuba, May 24.—(Copyright, 1901, by the New York Herald Company.)

The minority report of the Committee on Relations of the Cuban Constitutional Convention, rendered before the committee went to Washington, which recommended rejection of the Platt amendment, and gave reasons therefor, was rejected in the secret session of the convention to-day. The vote was 19 to 9.

This is generally regarded as indicating that the majority report of the Committee on Relations, advising acceptance of the Platt amendment, as explained by the executive authorities in Washington, will be accepted, though not necessarily by the same majority.

It is possible that the final vote will be taken to-morrow, though it will probably not be reached before Monday.

The delegates voting in favor of this report were Senors Gomez, Silva, Cienfuegos, Lacret, Aleman, Portuondo, Manduley, Ferner and E. Tamayo.

## JUBILEE WILL MARK AN ANNIVERSARY OF FIRE.

**beauty, designed by Cochran & Piquenard of Chicago.**

The new edifice will resemble it in its general lines, but will cost about \$45,000, exclusive of furniture. This includes the plumbing and a separate steam-heating plant.

It is believed that the outside work, the new illuminated clock and other extras will bring the total cost near the half-million mark.

The contractors are under bond to have the building ready for occupancy January 1, 1902.

## REVISIONISTS WIN BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE.

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off a door. There is music even in the creak of the door.

I do not quote the language of the speakers, but that is the substance of what was said on the conservative side.

One speaker declared that any change, however slight, would be an entering wedge, to be followed by all sorts of innovations.

If we yield even in the smallest matter, cried another, the end will be the loss of the place of the edifice which we have hauled down our flag.

And these assertions were made with a pathos which was very effective, and an earnestness which commanded the respect of every one. An appeal was made to the loyalty of the audience, and it had great effect.

**Liberalists Argued for "Truth."**  
The last twenty minutes were given to Doctor Dickey, who wants some real changes made, which will clear up certain doctrinal obscurities, and he spoke with a heartiness which carried the audience completely. He summed up the case of the liberalists in a masterly way and made a tremendous impression.

Then the faithful moment was at hand. We should know in ten minutes the result of long debate. There was a good deal of skirmishing about points of order, but the Moderator was autocratic and had a good grip on methods of procedure. The suppressed excitement was such as is seldom seen in a meeting of this kind.

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**ARKANSAS ASSEMBLY LETS ELECT-INFANT CLAUSE STAND.**

**Little Rock, Ark., May 24.—At to-night's session of the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly majority and minority reports from the special committee on the "elect-infant" clause were submitted.**

The report, as adopted, recommends that no action be taken on the "elect-infant" clause for the following reasons:

1. Because it is unwise to initiate at this time the agitation of this question among the people.

2. Because no modification that does not eliminate scriptural Calvinism from this section of the confession will be made.

3. Because the Westminster Confession of Faith is the first great creed which taught the salvation of infants dying in infancy on truly scriptural grounds.

4. Because the Confession of Faith, in this section, teaches the damnation of any infant dying in infancy, for the reason that the contract made in it is not between elect and non-elect infants dying in infancy, but between

elect persons who die in infancy and elect persons who do not die in infancy.

5. Because, while we have a well-grounded hope, founded on Scripture, that infants dying in infancy are saved, yet the Confession of Faith goes as far as to say that we have a positive scriptural statement upon the subject.

**SPIRITED DEBATE JUST BEFORE VOTE WAS TAKEN.**

Philadelphia, May 24.—When the afternoon session was called to order the Reverend Doctor John W. Dinsmore of California moved that the vote on Doctor Baker's amendment, dismissing the whole subject, be taken at 4:30 o'clock, instead of at 4:00 o'clock, as originally proposed.

This brought Doctor Johnson of Chicago to his feet with the query:

"I want to know what says we do not believe the 'Confession of Faith'?"

"I call Doctor Johnson to order," said a voice in the assembly.

"Doctor Johnson has the floor," announced the moderator.

Doctor Johnson concluded his speech with the announcement that he was unalterably opposed to any change in the confession.

Doctor W. H. Roberts, stated clerk, declared himself in favor of a declaratory statement. He said:

"I believe all parties can be united. We would be wise to follow the Scotch churches and declare that the confession is the confession of the church, and that it is not to be changed."

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